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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Cooper's Pond Improvements for the Borough of Bergenfield in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of Bergenfield, located at 198 North Washington Avenue, Bergenfield, New Jersey, 07621.

The Borough of Bergenfield is requesting Community Project Funding to complete a range of improvements to Cooper's Pond. Cooper's Pond is a scenic park within the Borough that houses several historic landmarks and a major community hub within Bergenfield. Cooper's Pond is popular among residents of the community and sees frequent use as a location where a wide range of passive recreational activities can be enjoyed. Due to the constant use of Cooper's Pond for community gatherings and recreational activities, the park's infrastructure has become worn down. For example, the pathways that allow residents to traverse the park are currently in poor condition, featuring cracks and uneven surfaces, and pose a safety hazard to residents who utilize them. The proposed improvements include the beautification of the pond and park facilities, the installation of a sprinkler system, drainage improvements, the renovation of park bathrooms, the renovation of the Field House, and the resurfacing of park walkways.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely.

Josh Gottheimer Member of Congress